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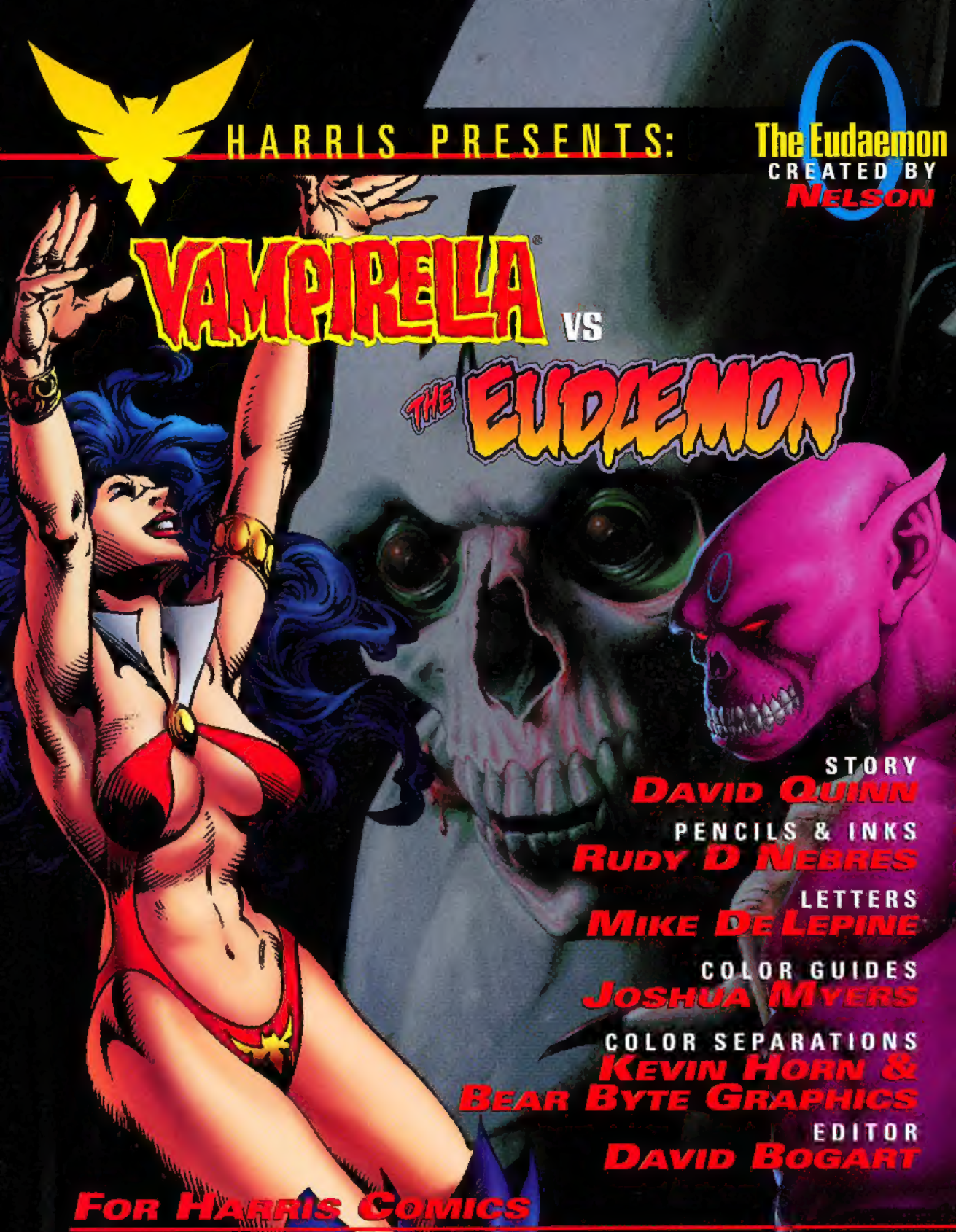

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RANDOM-DCP

EVER SINCE I WAS CHARGED BY MOTHER LILITH TO BE MANKIND'S REDEMPTION, I HAVE LET EVIL DRAW ME WHERE IT WILL.
HERE, NEAR THE NOTORIOUS VELVET CANAL IN AMSTERDAM, MORTAL SIN HAS BECOME A GLUTTED INSTITUTION...
...BUT THERE IS DEEPER EVIL HERE THAN HUMAN AUTHORITY CAN RECOGNIZE-- AN UNKNOWN DIABLERIE SO CORRUPT...
...MY TEETH HURT.
ahhhhh... THERE... SHE'S PERFECT.

SO, I "AUDITION" FOR THE PROPRIETORS OF THE NOTORIOUS PANDAEMONIUM, A TRIO KNOWN IN THIS OLD TOWN'S DARKER CIRCLES AS THE FAMILY.
THOUGH ERIC PLAYS THE PATRIARCH, HE'S NO THREAT -- PARADING NAKED BEFORE HIM IS ALL I NEED DO TO DISTRACT HIM FROM MY...
...PERSONAL INQUIRIES.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD DRINK TO OUR NEWEST DOLL, MY DEARS?
I'M... DELIGHTED YOU APPROVE...
...BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT IF I BECAME ONE OF YOUR HOSTESSES, YOU WOULD PROVIDE ME WITH A COSTUME?
WHY DID YOU NEED TO SEE ME NAKED?

ELLA...OUR GATHERING HAS EARNED ITS REPUTATION FOR MANY REASONS, BUT THE "BOTTOM LINE," AS YOU SAY IN THE STATES, IS...
BUT THE WOMEN--ERIC'S SISTERS, LOVERS, WHATEVER...
...IT MAY TAKE ALL THAT I HAVE TO GET TO THE HEART OF THEM.
...AT PANDAEMONIUM, ANYTHING CAN BE HAD FOR A PRICE...ANYTHING.
LILIN WILL HELP YOU DRESS. WELCOME...
...AND MAY YOU FIND PLEASURE ...IN WHAT YOU ARE BECOMING.
LETHE UNDERSTATES, AS ALWAYS--WE ARE LIBERATING LIFE TO ITS TRUE STATE HERE!
WITH PANDAEMONIUM AS OUR STAGE, WE EXPLORE THE ALPHABET OF DESIRE, IN GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST CENTURIES OF REPRESSION!
LILIN, TAKE HER!
ELLA, COME.

LILIN PLAYS SLAVE IN THIS TRIO, WHICH COULD MAKE HER MY ALLY.
I THINK YOU'LL FIND THESE WILL FIT OVER YOUR... LOVELY FIGURE.
YOUR COSMETIC DENTISTRY IS... EXEMPLARY ...BUT THEN, YOU AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS EXCELLED AT THAT SORT OF THING...
...LUSCIOUS BIRTHMARK, TOO.
OH, THAT? A TEMPORARY TATTOO. FOR LUCK...
...I ALWAYS WONDERED HOW A CORSET FELT--
YOUR TEETH CAPPED YOUR TATTOO FAKE-- WHAT'S NEXT? YOUR BREASTS ARE SACKS OF PLASTIC? ELLA NORMANDY'S NOT EVEN YOUR NAME?
IF YOU ARE RUTHLESSLY TRUE, YOU SHALL CLAIM YOUR PLACE IN THE THEATRE OF CRUELTY...
...AND EARN THE INVERTED ANKH WE WEAR WITH PRIDE, FOR LIFE!
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ON THE OTHER HAND, CHAFING IN HER SUBSERVIENT ROLE MIGHT MAKE LILIN MY GREATEST THREAT IF--
IF YOU FAIL... YOU'VE BEEN PROMISED TO MY DEVOTION AND DISCIPLINE...
OHHHH... TOO TIGHT!
--NO, WHEN I FIND THE SORT OF MALEVOLENCE I SEEK...

...FOR I HAVE FALLEN TOO FAR INTO THIS WELL TO TURN BACK NOW.
THELONIUS SUMMERS! I TRUST YOU'VE COME PREPARED FOR OUR DANSE MACABRE?
I BROUGHT THE MONEY, ERIC, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN, YOU WASTREL!
COME PENETRATE, SIR, THE LABYRINTH OF PANDAEMONIUM...
...AND TONIGHT I MEAN THAT LITERALLY!
Aha, YES! PANDAEMONIUM, THE PROUD SEAT OF LUCIFER; THE CAPITAL CITY OF HELL FROM PARADISE LOST! VERY GOOD!
MY FRIENDS, I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD THE MOST AUSPICIOUS PORTENTS!
WHY, THERE'S A RUMOR A GIANT BAT...
...was seen... flying... over the monument...
THIS...IS ELLA. SHE CAME TO US FOR INSTRUCTION. WE'D BE HONORED IF YOU BROKE HER IN, SUMMERS...
...IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR YOUR...

"...CONJURATION."
A FORTUNE ...TO HAVE ONE NIGHT WITH A DEMON...
YOU SOUND ALMOST SORRY FOR THE FOOL.
HE'LL BE SATISFIED.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BEGUN TO BELIEVE IN--
DARLING, PLEASE. IF THE DEEPEST POCKETS WANTED HOLY SPIRIT, I'D TURN MY COLLAR BACK-WARDS AND SPEAK LATIN...
...IT'S JUST THEATRE!
BESIDES, DIDN'T THE OLD DEMON-LOVER MAKE HIS MILLIONS IN ANTIQUES FORGERY AND INSURANCE FRAUD?

"IF HE CATCHES OUR TRICKS, HE'LL LAUGH THE LOUDEST, I PROMISE YOU!
"MOREOVER, WE'VE JUST GIVEN HIM A JEWEL. PROVIDING OUR YOUNG AMERICAN DOESN'T TRY OUT THOSE FAKE FANGS ON HIM!"
SO INNOCENT ...YET SO FIERCE...
...WHY... YOU'RE... THE PERFECT WOMAN...

IT WON'T DO TO DISEMBOWEL THE SAD, OLD LECHER.
I CAN'T EXTINGUISH EVIL BY COMPOUNDING IT!
PERFECT...
YOU HAVE BENT ME TO YOUR WILL... FORCING ME TO SERVE...
...THE PAIN IS SWEET; THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO DE-GRADE ME FURTHER ...YOU CONTROL ME...
...control you...
...I AM YOURS...
...AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE CONQUERED ME, YOU NEED NEVER SUBJUGATE ANOTHER ...AM I RIGHT...
...MASTER?
IT FEELS GOOD TO SUCCEED WITHOUT THE CUSTOMARY BLOOD-LETTING... SOMETIMES.

SOMETIMES I THINK I GOT THE HARDEST FRIGGIN' JOB IN THE WORLD. WILLYA LOOK AT THIS SICK FREAK-SHOW? WE BETTER SEE SOME ACTION SOON...
...AND I'M NOT TALKIN' ABOUT THE GROUP-GROPE THE TOURISTS COME FOR.
POOR BOBBY'S BEEN FEELIN' LOW-LEVEL NAUSEA, WHICH USUALLY MEANS WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING.
...BUT THREE NIGHTS, AN' IT'S JUST DRUGS, SEX AND PEOPLE CHEATIN' EACH OTHER — THIS WE COULD HAD IN QUEENS.
AN' I CALLED IN A STACK OF MARKERS TO GET US AND OUR ORDINANCE IN, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
BOBBY, MAN, "UNDERCOVER" MEANS NO STARIN'!
LOUNGE, WILL YA?
IT'S NOT A JOKE, ED!
EVERY TIME A DAMN PORTAL OPENS, IT COULD MEAN JUDGEMENT DAY FOR THE ENTIRE FRIGGIN' PLANET!
IT'S NOT LIKE ANY-THING I EVER FELT BEFORE, BUT SOMETHIN'S GONNA HAPPEN HERE!
BOBBY, BOBBY, I'M WITH YA
DIDN'T I ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNS OF PROBABLE DEMONIC ENCOUNTER RIGHT FROM THE START?
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Stranded on a hostile desert world, Vampirella must save her friends from the threat of Dracula, a demonic monster and her vampiric blood-lust as well!

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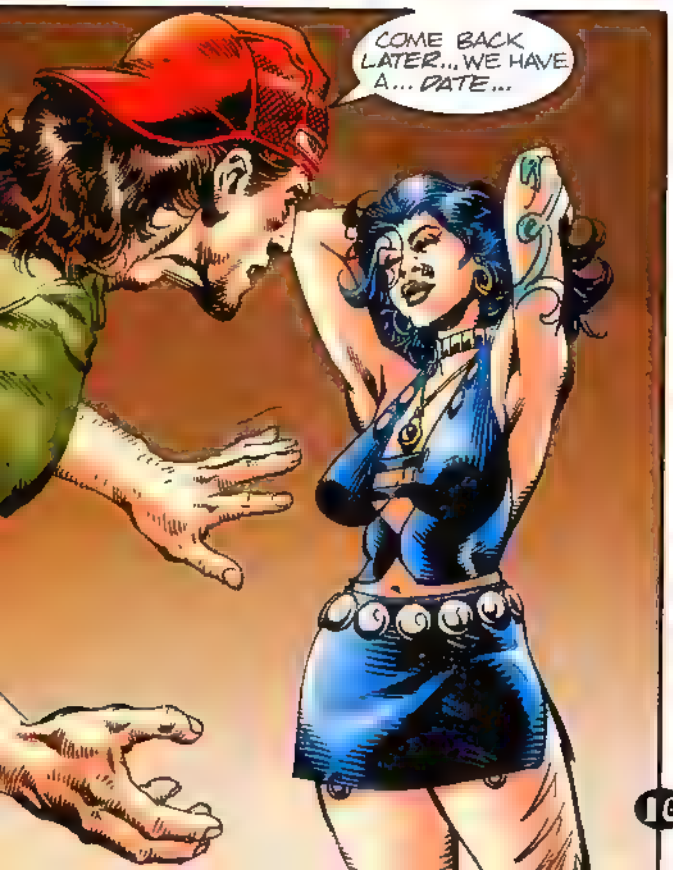
PANDAEMONIUM.. IT'S A RAVE... NO, A CLUB.
DUDE, IT'S A COINCIDENCE ...NOT EVERY INVERTED ANKH IS THE DEMON MORDARE'S CALLING CARD.
TRUST MY GUT ON THIS ONE
WHEN I SENSE MORDARE IT'S LIKE I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING ELSE!
OKAAAAY
AND LOOK... THE DEMON ALWAYS SEEMS TO LINK HIS PSYCHO-REALM TO SOMETHING MASSIVE--
--IT'S LIKE HE NEEDS A PHYSICAL ANCHOR FOR HIS PORTAL-PUNCHING...
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT BY NOW, OR YOU THINK MY BUDDY'S LOST HIS MARBLES, CONSIDER THIS--
--THE REASON WHY YOU DON'T KNOW THERE'S A COLD WAR GOIN' ON BETWEEN THE HUMAN RACE AND AN ANCIENT DEMON FROM AN EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL HELL...
...IS 'CAUSE THE GUYS WHO ARE HUMANITY'S LAST LINE OF DEFENSE ARE TAKIN' CARE OF BIZNESS!

...SO, IF THAT'S PANDAEMONIUM AT THE ISIS OF THE ANKH PATTERN ...BUDDA-BING, BUDDA-BANG...
GROUND-FRIGGIN'-ZERO!
AND THE REST OF THE STORY IS ONE LONG DULL WAIT UNTIL...

...NOW! DO YOU FEEL... HIM?
NO! MORDARE HURTS...
...THIS IS JUST LIKE... TINGLING, BUT BAD!

BAD BOYS... KEEPING THE PIERCING BED TO YOURSELVES...
...AND NOT EVEN USING IT.


COME BACK LATER... WE HAVE A... DATE...

DUDE, I DON'T FEEL GOOD.

HER!
SHE'S SEEN ME!
WHATEVER SHE IS... SHE KNOWS!
IT'S GETTIN' WORSE AS SHE COMES...
...KEEP HER AWAY!
SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S SAD ALMOST NOTHING SHOCKS ME ANYMORE...
...BUT BOBBY'S DEMON IS SO FIERCELY BEAUTIFUL, IT TAKES A SECOND TO REMEMBER I PUT ON A PLUMBER'S I.D. AND PACKED TWO M-16s, 10,000 ROUNDS, AND THREE GRENADES INTO THE WALL BEHIND US...
I BELIEVE... YOU... ARE THE REASON I AM HERE.
...THAT KINDA WORK COMES WITH MY JOB...
...BUT FORGET THAT CRYING I WAS DOING EARLIER ABOUT HAVING THE HARDEST FRIGGIN' JOB IN THE WORLD...

"LEMME TELL YA, BOBBY'S JOB CAN BE A BITCH, TOO."
NUT BALL
RRAAARRG!

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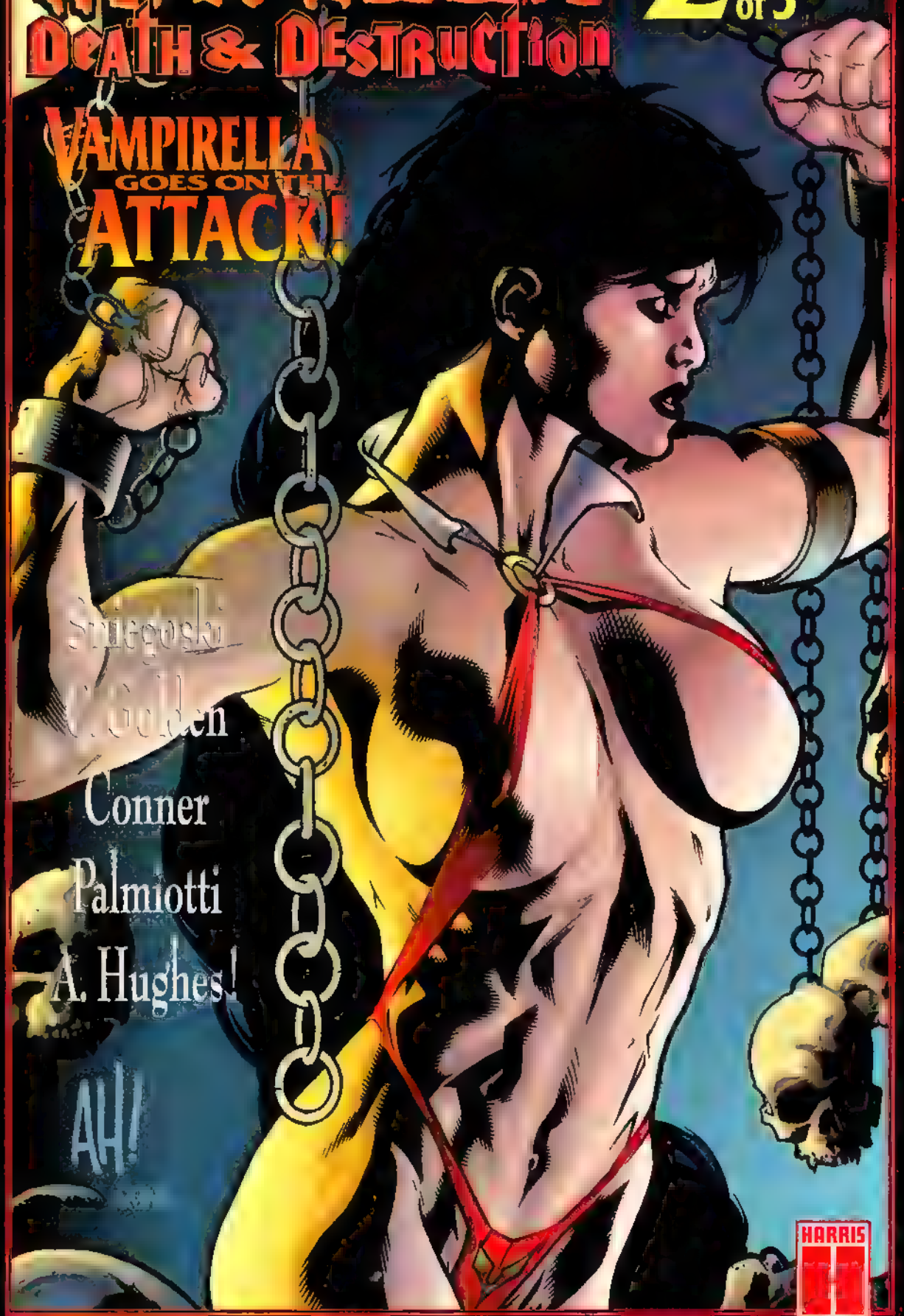

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WE KNOCKED HEADS ALL OUR LIVES. HE THOUGHT I WAS A TEXTBOOK PARANOIA CASE...
TONIGHT'S SHOW IS TOO REAL FOR MY TASTE
...THEN HE BECAME MR. APOCALYPSE AND GOT IT.
FIRE!! EVERYBODY OUT!!
THIS... CHANGELING WAS BORN OF A LINEAGE OF DIABOLI... CAN HE BE THE EVIL I FELT?
WHAT ARE YOU... YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE ANYTHING MORDARE EVER SENT BEFORE.!
IT'S UP TO ME, AS USUAL!
YO, SHE'S GOTTA BE YOUR DAEMON!
TAKE HER OUT!
BRRRT-T-T-T!
OUR NOISY LITTLE COWBOY IS THE WORST IRRITANT FOR THE MOMENT...
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT! WHAT IF I'M SICK FROM SOMETHING ELSE WE CAN'T SEE?
I MEAN, IT'D BE MESSED UP TO HIT A--
SHE'S A PERFECT BABE... BUT BOB LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO START BLOWING CHUNKS!

--BAAABE?

JEEZ, BOBBY.

...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THAT HARD-UP.

KRAKOOM

KRAK

...FOR A LITTLE FEMALE ATTENTIONNNNGH!!

ED! NOOOOO!

THIS ANTIQUE TIMBER WAS MADE FOR BURNING...

...AND THERE COULD BE INNOCENTS TRAPPED ABOVE US! THIS MUST END, NOW!

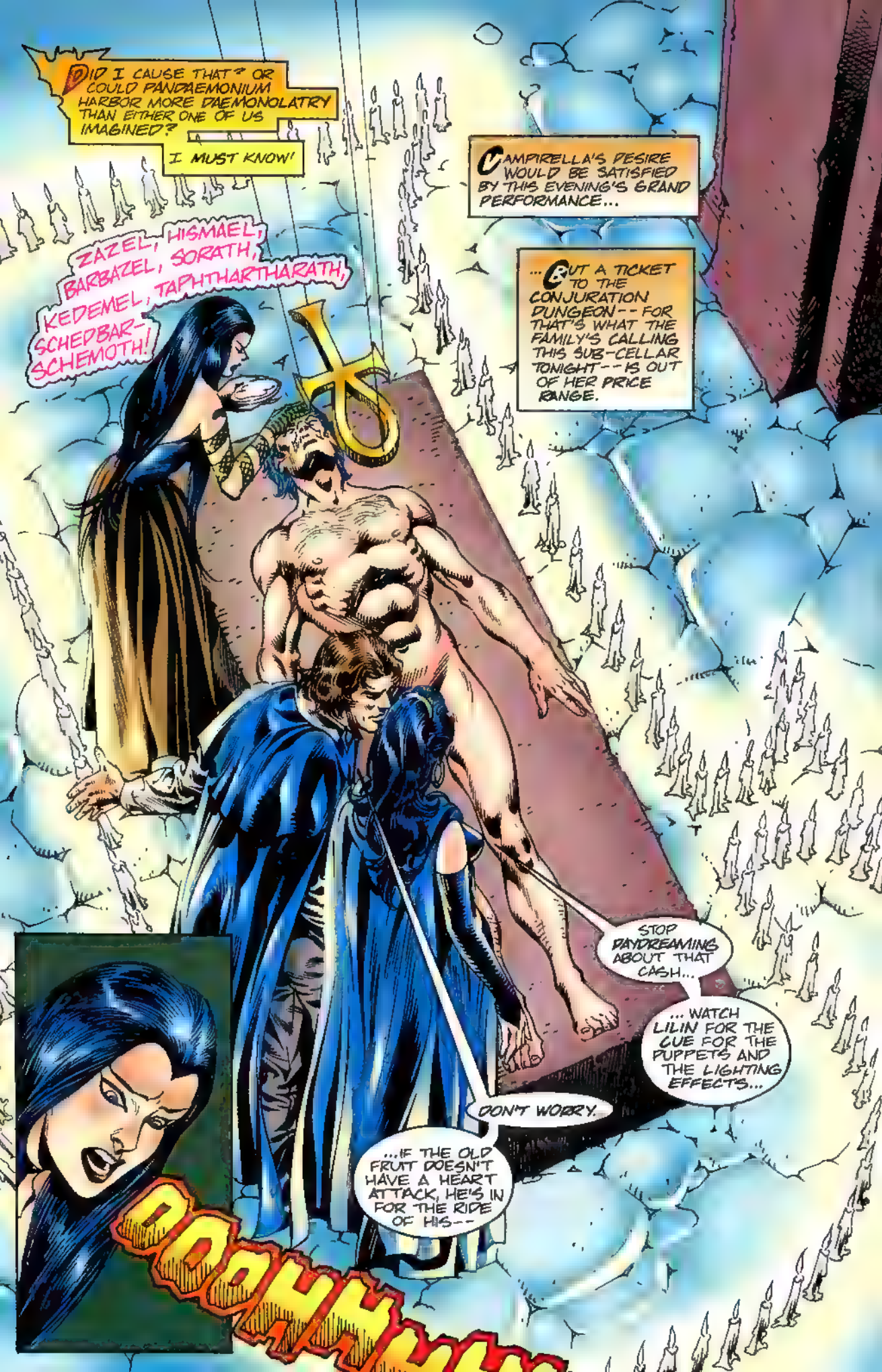
FEW MAY SPORT WITH VAMPIRELLA AND LIVE--

--DEMON BOY!

BITCH! YOU ARE DEAD!

YOU MADE ME KILL MY ONLY FRIENNNNND!

INTERESTING. AS PENDRAGON WOULD SAY, "NOW HERE'S A SPLENDID CANDIDATE FOR A LITTLE RADICAL ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT!"


DID I CAUSE THAT? OR COULD PANDAEMONIUM HARBOR MORE DAEMONOLATRY THAN EITHER ONE OF US IMAGINED?
I MUST KNOW!
ZAZEL, HISMAEL, BARBAZEL, SORATH, KEDEMEL, TAPHTHARTHARATH, SCHEDBAR-SCHEMOTH!
CAMPIRELLA'S DESIRE WOULD BE SATISFIED BY THIS EVENING'S GRAND PERFORMANCE...
...BUT A TICKET TO THE CONJURATION DUNGEON--FOR THAT'S WHAT THE FAMILY'S CALLING THIS SUB-CELLAR TONIGHT--IS OUT OF HER PRICE RANGE.
STOP DAYDREAMING ABOUT THAT CASH...
...WATCH LILIN FOR THE CUE FOR THE PUPPETS AND THE LIGHTING EFFECTS...
DON'T WORRY.
...IF THE OLD FRUIT DOESN'T HAVE A HEART ATTACK, HE'S IN FOR THE RIDE OF HIS--
OOOHHHH

BLOODRAIN
WHAT?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
EEEEEEEE!
WHY DO YOU TAKE THE NAME OF GOOD DAEMONS IN VAIN? INTOLERABLE!
...BUT I ADMIT-- THE HUMAN EXCESS YOU HAVE CAPITALIZED UPON...
...HAS GLUTTED THE NATIVE EVIL OF THIS OLD NEIGHBORHOOD..
...INVITING PRESENCE! MMMMM... LOVELY!
I CANNOT FULLY PASS THIS SMALL BREACH BETWEEN DIMENSIONS.. BUT I WILL MAKE MY INFLUENCE KNOWN!

HA HA! HYPOCRITES! RUN AWAY! HA! HA!
YOU, WHO WOULD PIMP FOR DEMONS WHEN YOU COULD EMBRACE THEM FOR FREE! HAHA!
AND YOU PAINTED, PUFFED-UP CLOWNS, SO EMPTY...
...YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY TO PLAY!
GAAA!
ALLOW MÖRDARE TO BLESS YOU WITH... INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF... PANDAEMONIUM!
BUT IF YOU THINK IT SUFFICIENT ...SIMPLY TO DIE FOR MÖRDARE, YOU ARE WRONG... THE SHOW IS JUST BEGINNING!
FOR, YOU SEE...
=GURGLE=

...MY OLD FRIEND--
--AND HIS LITTLE SHE-DEVIL ARE JUST TOO SWEET TO RESIST!
YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN!
RRGGH! IT'S HIM! MÖRDARE!
YOU FEEL IT TOO... THE EVIL THAT DREW ME HERE, ONLY MORE ACUTE.
MÖRDARE ISN'T HERE HIMSELF... BUT HIS TOUCH IS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU BUT--
YOU MORTALS WANTED A SHOW...
...WELL, WELCOME TO MÖRDARE'S ALL-DANCING, ALL-SINGING THEATRE OF CRUELTY!!

MORDARE YOU'RE OBSCENE!
YES, LILIN MAY HAVE HAD A TOUCH OF EVIL, BUT NOTHING TO JUSTIFY THIS!
OH, I DO SO HATE A SELF-RIGHTEOUS SUCCUBUS.
HAVE YOU HAD HER YET, BOBBY, OR IS SHE THE, "YOU CAN LOOK, BUT DON'T TOUCH" TYPE?
MY EXQUISITE FLESH PUPPETS WILL BE HAPPY TO TOUCH YOU!
SHUT UP, MORDARE!
SHUT UP, DAMN YOU!
KA-THUM!
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HHSSSSTT! I CAN SEE MY SYMPATHY IS WASTED ON YOU!

THE LAST IMP WHO SHOWED ME SYMPATHY REGRETTED IT-- IN SHREDDED PIECES!

YOU BASTARD! YOU COWARD! FACE ME, DAMN IT!

KRUNCH!

I KNOW IT'S YOU..

MÖRDARE!

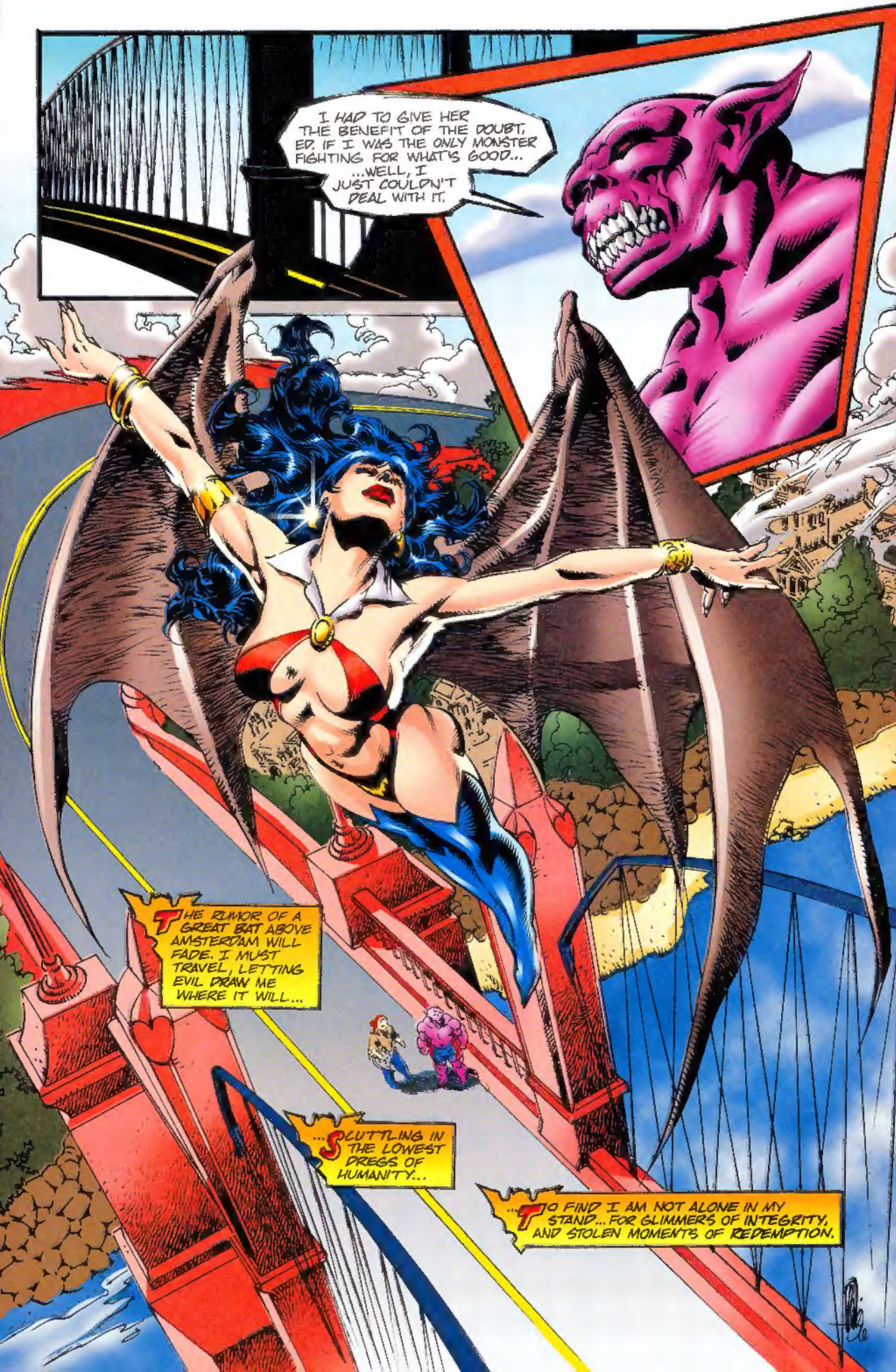
WELLLL THEN...

...GAME OVER!

WELL PLAYED, LITTLE SUCCUBUS..

.. AND YOU, MY TENACIOUS YOUNG FRIEND -- SO SAD YOUR ERRORS TONIGHT...
...SACRIFICED YOUR PARTNER! HA! HA!
TELL ME THAT IN PERSON, MORDARE! WHEREVER YOU GO NEXT--
--THE EUDAEMON WILL BE THERE!
IF YOU NEED MY HELP LOCATING THE NEXT NEXUS--
I CAN DO IT! THAT'S WHAT I WAS BORN TO DO.
ABOUT ALL I'M GOOD FOR
I'M SORRY I CURSED AT YOU IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT ED DIED... BUT MINE.
YOU OUGHTTA KNOW BETTER THAN TO COUNT ME OUT, MAN... I WAS JUST COVERING ALL CONTINGENCIES.
ED!
ED, NO!
DON'T MOVE, BABE. I SAW WHAT YOU CAN DO...
...BUT TWELVE FRIGGIN' ROUNDS WILL CUT YOU IN HALF!

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'? PUT THE GUN DOWN!
WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
NEGATIVE. SHE'S ON OUR SIDE TODAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?
I SEE HIM TORN, BLEEDING IN MY HANDS, RIPE FOR THE SUCKING...
...BUT STAINED SO, HOW COULD I HOPE TO OVER-COME... CON-SUMMATE EVIL?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIRTY YOUR HANDS, BUT, BOBBY, I'M TELLIN' YA, TRUST MY GUT THIS TIME...
...THE BITCH IS A SERIOUS LIABILITY.
ED, I FEEL TERRIBLE WE COULDN'T PREVENT ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM BEING MURDERED TONIGHT,
BUT MORDARE'S GONE! ENOUGH DEATH, HUH?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR $#!% MIND!


I HAD TO GIVE HER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, ED. IF I WAS THE ONLY MONSTER FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S GOOD... ...WELL, I JUST COULDN'T DEAL WITH IT.
THE RUMOR OF A GREAT BAT ABOVE AMSTERDAM WILL FADE. I MUST TRAVEL, LETTING EVIL DRAW ME WHERE IT WILL...
...SCUTTLING IN THE LOWEST DREGS OF HUMANITY...
...TO FIND I AM NOT ALONE IN MY STAND... FOR GLIMMERS OF INTEGRITY, AND STOLEN MOMENTS OF REDEMPTION.

Profile: Nelson

Name: Nelson DeCastro
Nickname: Li'l fuzzy freak
Place of birth: Columbia Presbyterian Hospital
Influences/why? Too many to list
Did you misspell Daemon on purpose, or are you just stupid? It's in the dictionary. Look it up, SMART ASS!
What size ring do you wear? Around which appendage? Seriously, Ramses XL
Credits/recent comic projects: *Eudaemon* (published by Dark Horse in '93), *Marvel Masterpieces '95*, assorted covers like *Robocop*, and the *Alien vs. Predator* paperback.
How did you break into the comic business? Thanks to Barbara Kesel– the first editor to give me steady work. God bless her soul!
Why did you make Eddie so ugly? FU** YOU, Bogart.
Do you have any advice concerning electric chairs? Yes. Don't get handcuffed to one.
Favorite sound effect? The sound of editors blood dripping from their open veins– just kidding. It's when you spit out a big green luggy, the kind you get when you have a cold and you spit it out across the room and it hits a stack of newspapers and goes THWAPP!
Favorite episode of the Dukes of Hazard? The one where the president was supposed to come over for dinner at the end, but Uncle Jesse said no, because they only had five plates, and two of them were chipped.
Weirdest thing that ever happened to you: O.K., so here I am in this S&M club in Manhattan, and I'm spanking this chick on my lap, and I look up... *[Ed. note– the rest of the story cannot be printed in this magazine.]*
Favorite band: Judas Priest, and T.T. Quick.
Favorite Movie? That would have to be *Top Secret.*
Do you think Crystal Gale is hot? Matters how much I drink.
Hobbies: Guitar playing, jujitsu, drinking, hanging out with the world famous Pondscum, doing impressions, and talking to myself.

Profile: Dave Quinn

Name: David Quinn
Place of birth: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Do you like both mustard and ketchup on your hamburgers? No ketchup. Mustard and onions.
Favorite snack at two o' clock in the morning? The lovely and talented Diane.
Roll on or spray– which do you prefer and why? Neither. Let's just leave it at that.
Most twisted thing you've ever written: *Faust: Love of the Damned.* That's pretty damn twisted.
Hardest assignment/why? I guess that would be *Man against Time* that I'm writing for Motown/Image. I picked it up after it had started, so I had to make the existing plot into a good story. And do it in a hurry.
Influences/why? I'm pretty much a media junky– so anything that hits the head, heart and gut the hardest. I'm really a fan of Jules Feiffer, Will Eisner, August Wilson, Archie Goodwin, James Crumley, Anthony Burgess, Harlan Ellison and two other hacks, Milton and Shakespeare.
Tips for young writers: Read your ass off!! Bring something into comics– even mainstream type stories– that you haven't seen before.
Weirdest thing that ever happened to you: Oh man, when I auditioned for keyboards for the Japanese tour of John Lydon's Public Image Ltd. It was an absolute mess.
Do you have separate toe and fingernail clippers? No. And I don't chew them either.
Things you collect: Books and music. Artwork from stories that I've written, and of course, skulls.
Favorite current comic series of all time: I haven't read it in a while, but at the time it was coming out, the *Tomb of Dracula* was it!
Hobbies: Who the hell has time for hobbies!

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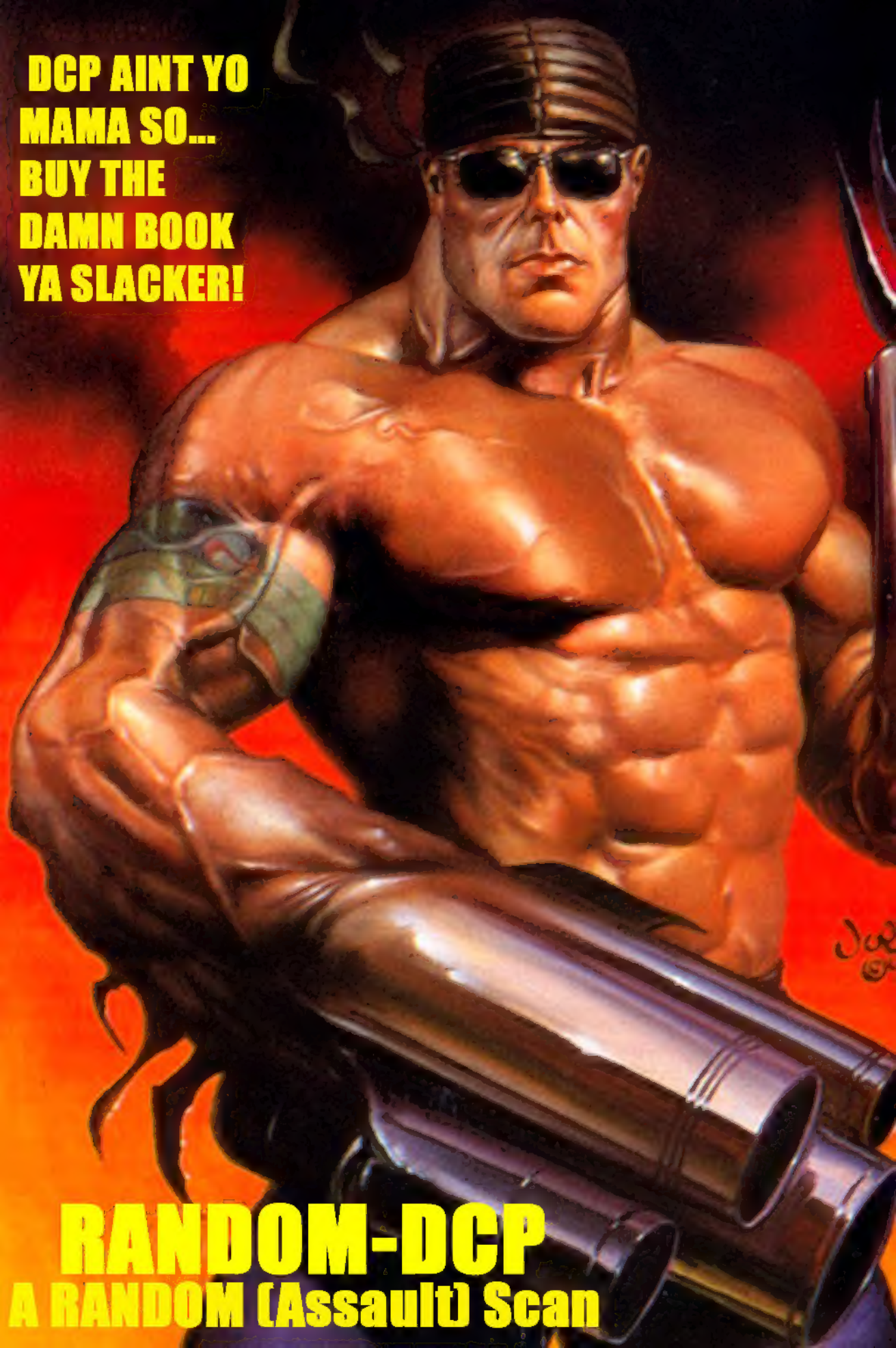
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